

# IUPAC Task Group on Atmospheric Chemical Kinetic Data Evaluation – Data Sheet NO3\_VOC35

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## Rate coefficient data

$k/\text{cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$	Temp./K	Reference	Technique/ Comments
<i>Relative Rate Coefficients</i>			
$(1.01 \pm 0.02) \times 10^{-11}$	295	Atkinson et al., 1984	RR (a)
$(8.2 \pm 1.2) \times 10^{-12}$	298	Barnes et al., 1990	RR (b)

3-carene is 3,7,7-trimethyl-bicyclo[4.1.0]hept-3-ene.

## Comments

- (a) 6400 L Teflon chamber at 295 K and 980 mbar (735 Torr) of air.  $\text{NO}_3$  was generated by the thermal decomposition of  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$ . 3-carene and 2-methyl-2-butene were monitored by GC. The rate constant ratio,  $k(\text{NO}_3 + \text{3-carene}) / k(\text{NO}_3 + \text{2-methyl-2-butene}) = 1.08 \pm 0.02$  is placed on an absolute basis using  $k(\text{NO}_3 + \text{2-methyl-2-butene}) = 9.37 \times 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$  at 298 K (Atkinson and Arey, 2003).
- (b) 420 L glass chamber at 298 K and 1 bar of air.  $\text{NO}_3$  was generated by the thermal decomposition of  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$ . 3-carene and 2-methyl-2-butene were monitored by GC. The rate constant ratio,  $k(\text{NO}_3 + \text{3-carene}) / k(\text{NO}_3 + \text{2-methyl-2-butene}) = 0.87 \pm 0.13$  is placed on an absolute basis using  $k(\text{NO}_3 + \text{2-methyl-2-butene}) = 9.37 \times 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$  at 298 K (Atkinson and Arey, 2003).

## Preferred Values

Parameter	Value	T/K
$k / \text{cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$	$9.1 \times 10^{-12}$	298
<i>Reliability</i>		
$\Delta \log k$	$\pm 0.12$	298

### *Comments on Preferred Values*

The two relative rate studies of this reaction are at room temperature only. Both Atkinson et al. (1984) and Barnes et al. (1990) used the same reference reactant but derived rate coefficients which diverge by ~20 %. There is no obvious reason to favour either study and the preferred value of the 298 K rate coefficient is an unweighted average.

The reaction mechanism involves the addition of NO<sub>3</sub> across the double bond to form a nitrooxyalkyl radical, which, in air, forms a nitrooxyalkyl peroxy radical. Unstable nitrooxy peroxy nitrates (from nitrooxyalkyl peroxy radical + NO<sub>2</sub>) were observed at early reaction times (Hallquist et al. 1999). These authors also identified the end products caronaldehyde (molar yields of 2-3 %), carbonyls (estimated molar yield of 20-30 %) and nitrates (66-74 %). The atmospheric fate of caronaldehyde is expected to be reaction with OH and photolysis (Hallquist et al., 1997).

Secondary organic aerosol is formed rapidly in the smog-chamber studies of NO<sub>3</sub> + 3-carene (Hallquist et al., 1999; Griffin et al. 1999) with mass-based yields of up to 72 % depending on the amount of 3-carene reacted. Hallquist et al. provide evidence for the presence of condensable organics containing the -ONO<sub>2</sub> entity. A detailed mechanism of the potential routes to aerosol formation is presented by Colville et al. (2004).

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